

Amendment No. 1 to SB0536

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 536

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-228, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(a) Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, the department of education shall develop a school grading system that annually assigns A, B, C, D, and F letter grades to schools for each of the following:

(1) Student performance on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or end-of-course exams;

(2) Student growth as indicated by Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) data or data from other measures of student growth; and

(3) Other outcome indicators of student achievement that the department finds to be reliable measures of school performance.

(b) In addition to the single-letter school grading required in subsection (a), the department of education shall differentiate each school's overall performance with an assigned level of effectiveness score. Each school shall be identified as one of the following based on overall performance:

(1) Exemplary;

(2) Advancing;

(3) Satisfactory;

(4) Underperforming; or

(5) Priority.

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(c) The department of education shall include on the state report card:

(1) Each school's A, B, C, D, or F grades on each of the indicators specified in subsection (a); and

(2) The level of effectiveness scores for each school based on subsection (b).

(d) Implementation of the school grading system shall begin in the 2017-2018 school year. Prior to implementation of the school grading system, the state board shall review the grading scale and level of effectiveness scores developed by the department.

(e) The department shall provide notice of the adopted grading scale and effectiveness scores to each LEA prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.